

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

# District 3 Slate

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## Beaches Score High In Clean Water Study *Shoreline Exceeds National Average; County Effort Cited*



Beachgoers enjoy a warm day at Fletcher Cove in Solana Beach, one of several San Diego County beaches to receive good ratings for water quality.

**S**an Diego County remains a national leader in keeping its public beaches pristine, scoring above average for water quality in a comprehensive survey of 6,000 shorelines. Six percent of the samples taken from beaches from the Tijuana estuary north to Oceanside exceeded the recognized national health standards for clean water. Nationwide, 7 percent of the water samples violated standards, according to the annual study commissioned by the Natural Resources Defense Council. California ranked 22nd for beach-water quality, with 8 percent of the samples exceeding the national standards for such bacteria as *E. coli*, coliform and enterococcus.

"The numbers validate that efforts to protect and enhance our coastal waters by cities and the county are succeeding," said Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price. "The County of San Diego has taken an active, proactive role in protecting the health of beachgoers. Our beautiful beaches are one of the main reasons why people like to visit San Diego."

In comparison to San Diego County's 6 percent failure rate, Louisiana led the nation when 29 percent of its samples violated the standards. Other states with high failures rates were Ohio, 19 percent; Indiana, 18 percent; and Illinois, 15 percent.

The report ranked 200 beaches. Of the 11 California beaches to receive 4 stars, four popular with residents and visitors to the Third District - Pacific Beach-Grand Avenue and

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### CLEAN WATER...

Popular beaches in the Third District that were tested by the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Beach	Number Samples	Percent Exceeded
La Jolla Cove	21	5%
WindanSea	28	4%
Torrey Pines	59	3%
Powerhouse Park	34	3%
Fletcher Cove	39	3%
La Jolla Shores	58	2%
Moonlight Beach	58	2%
Bird Rock	04	0%
North Cardiff	38	0%
South Cardiff	38	0%
Crown Pt. Shores	27	0%
San Elijo	76	0%



### WATER ADVOCATE

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price (left) is presented with the "Water Woman of the Year" award from the San Diego chapter of Surfrider for her longtime support of coastal preservation and commitment to clean water. Announcing the honor is board member Todd Cardiff. San Diego Councilwoman Donna Frye (right) also saluted Slater-Price, giving her a city proclamation.





## AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

### *This Summer*



### Your Beach Manners...

**A**ugust is the summer month when families pack up their vehicles to go off and play together, when children, boggie boards ready, eagerly await that next visit to San Diego's beaches. They know Labor Day is sneaking up on them, bringing with it realities of back-to-school.

"While enjoying the beauty of San Diego, especially its famed beaches, parks and lagoons, remember that it is your responsibility to be a conscientious visitor, to show your respect for these wonderful natural resources," said Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price.

"This means taking trash home with you. It means taking care to properly dispose of coals from your barbecue so that nobody gets burned later."

Use common courtesy is the best advice she can offer, said Slater-Price.

"First off, follow the posted rules. Our beaches and parks do not allow smoking," she said. "Next, be a good visitor. If the trash cans at the beach are full, take your trash with you."

Scripps Institution of Oceanography this week sent an exhibition to the Pacific Ocean where the world's trash floats with nowhere to go. This trash heap is double the size of the state of Texas! That water bottle or bag will eventually end up joining all that other floating waste if you fail to take it home with you.

Other precautions, advised Slater-Price, is to heed any warnings from lifeguards, who understand the beach they protect and are especially aware of riptides, undertows and other hazards the casual beachgoer misses.



Master of Ceremonies Keith Padgett and Lauryn Robinson talk about Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price's longtime support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito. More than 100 supporters attended the ceremony at the Barbara Harper branch in Solana Beach. Among the attendees were (below, from left) Janice Kurth, Del Mar Rotary president, Rob Mulally, Del Mar Rotary past president, San Dieguito Boys & Girls Clubs board member Admiral Jack Batzler, Pam Slater-Price, San Dieguito Boys & Girls Clubs board member Marty Peters, and San Dieguito Boys & Girls Clubs Executive Director Keith Padgett.

### Youth Club Salutes Slater-Price

**R**ecognizing her longtime support of positive youth programs, the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito honored Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price with its "Positive Impact" award during a special ceremony at the Solana Beach branch. "This is an honor I will cherish forever, as the Boys and Girls Clubs stand for the positive values we seek to instill in today's youth. I am grateful for the many lives they have influenced." Slater-Price helped the youth organization achieve its mission through a variety of community project grants that help fund a healthy lifestyle center and recording studio, modernization of restroom facilities, improvements to the air conditioning system, and educational and recreational equipment.





# AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT



A parachute game brought smiles and laughter as Del Mar marked its 50th anniversary.

## DEL MAR TURNS 50...

Del Mar threw itself a birthday party on July 12 and the invited guests were the residents of the city. Everyone celebrated Del Mar's 50th anniversary. To mark the occasion honoring cityhood that became official on July 15, 1959, Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price joined city officials, residents and former mayors to celebrate with an old-fashioned community picnic. The event at Powerhouse Park included a barbecue, children's games and entertainment by the Mar Dels.



Pam Slater-Price presents a county proclamation to Mayor Crystal Crawford recognizing Del Mar's 50th year as an incorporated city. Joining the celebration is Councilman Carl Hilliard (left).



Elected officials past and present: From left, former Del Mar Mayor Bill Arballo (1962-63); Pam Slater-Price; Arballo's daughter and Encinitas Councilwoman Teresa Barth; and Del Mar Mayor Crystal Crawford.



Assemblyman Martin Garrick, R-74th District, chats with Pam Slater-Price.



Del Mar residents Chris and Elena Fessenden traveled on two wheels to the city's celebration.



Former Del Mar mayors (from left) Bill Arballo (1962-63); Andy Schooler (1999-00); J. Rod Franklin (1992-93); Jan McMillan (1994-95); D. Elliot Parks (1993-94); Jacqueline Winterer (1991-92); Mark Whitehead (2001-02); Brooke Eisenberg-Pike (1989-90), and Al Tarkington (1979-80).



The hula hoop contest had participants going around in circles as they demonstrated their prowess with the popular '60s icon.



Pam Slater-Price shares a smile with Kiara McNulty, whose "Happy Birthday Del Mar" was the winning banner.



## AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT



### SALUTE TO BAXTER...

In 2004, Dennis Bussey and Melissa Joseph of Rancho Bernardo enrolled their rescue dog, Baxter, in San Diego Hospice's "Pawsitive Pals" pet-therapy program, which believes no one should die feeling alone. Therapy dogs are trained through a certified organization before working in a hospice setting, where they provide comfort and joy to the dying and their families. Baxter is a 19-year-old chow-golden retriever who works up to four days a week at hospice and other facilities visiting clients for up to an hour-and-a-half, delivering his own special brand of caring using gentle cuddling. Baxter is one of nine therapy dogs in the program and, with his advancing age, faces similar trials as his patients. Baxter has visited thousands of patients in his six years, and this experience and other worthwhile programs has been captured by Bussey and Joseph in their new book, "Moments With Baxter." To honor Baxter and his family for their contributions, the Board of Supervisors, on a recommendation by Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price, declared July 21, 2009 as "Baxter Day" throughout San Diego County.

### BEACHES

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Mission Beach at Belmont Park in the city of San Diego, and in Encinitas Moonlight Beach at the outlet to Cottonwood Creek and Moonlight Beach at Playa del Norte - made the list.

Consequences of swimming in polluted waters include the stomach flu; respiratory ailments; ear, nose and throat problems; hepatitis and skin rashes.

The report highlighted the County of San Diego's preemptive rain advisories, alerting beachgoers of potential elevated levels of bacteria in the ocean for at least 72 hours following a rain of at least 0.2 inches.

"Our beaches are vital to our county's economic prosperity as well as contributing to our quality of life," said Slater-Price. "People appreciate clean ocean water, which they see as an extension of their back yard."

Slater-Price said the Board of Supervisors plays an active role in maintaining the crucial monitoring.

"The Board of Supervisors committed more than \$100,000 (reimbursed by the state Water

Resources Board) to ensure the water-testing program would continue," she said. "The funding traditionally is from the State of California, but Sacramento's budget woes froze the bond money used to pay for this testing. Supervisors stepped forward to ensure residents and visitors alike knew the ocean water in which they swim, surf and play is safe and clean."

The county will continue monitoring at 18 beaches through the summer months when the shoreline receives its highest volume of visits.

Volunteers interested in assisting with the collection of water-quality samples and taking basic water-chemistry measurements should contact Preston Lam at the San Diego Coastkeeper organization. His e-mail address is [prestonl@sdcoastkeeper.org](mailto:prestonl@sdcoastkeeper.org).

"This nationwide survey, now in its 19th year, shows how far we have come in protecting our ocean waters," said Slater-Price.

"Together, we will continue to improve upon our beaches, thereby protecting one of our most important natural assets."

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